

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Dated: April 8, 2004

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For: ANIMAL FEEDER

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c)**

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to make the above-identified accompanying application special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c).

Pursuant to MPEP § 708.02(IV), applicant hereby submits a Declaration of Applicant's Age establishing that applicant is over sixty-five (65) years of age.

Accordingly, applicant submits that the requirements for the granting of this petition have been met and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c), no fee is required for this petition.

Respectfully submitted,

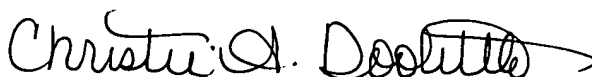
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I hereby certify that the attached patent application of Vernon Hayes Leshner, entitled ANIMAL FEEDER accompanied by a Power of Attorney for Patent Application, Petition to Make Special/Declaration of Applicant's Age, four (4) sheets of drawings and check in the amount of \$385.00 is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, Arlington, Virginia 22313-1450.



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